UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA



INDICTMENT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FEDERAL GUN CONTROL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL DOCKET NO.

v.

SECTION:

WILLIAM "BUDDY" RICHARDSON

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(1)

18 U.S.C. §924(a)(2)

21 U.S.C. §841(a)(1)

21 U.S.C. §841 (b)(1)(B)

21 U.S.C. §841 (b)(1)(C)

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

On or about July 30, 2008, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, WILLIAM "BUDDY" RICHARDSON, did knowingly and intentionally distribute an amount of a mixture containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, a Schedule II drug controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

COUNT 2

On or about September 18, 2008, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, WILLIAM "BUDDY" RICHARDSON, did knowingly and intentionally distribute 5 grams or more of a mixture containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, a Schedule II drug controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B).

COUNT 3

On or about September 25, 2008, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, WILLIAM "BUDDY" RICHARDSON, having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to wit: a conviction on August 17, 2004, in Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Case Number 448-056, Division "J", for possession of heroin in violation of La. R.S. 40:966(C)(1) and a conviction on October 9, 2007, in Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Case Number 467-282, Division "A/C", for possession of crack cocaine in violation of La. R.S. 40:967(C)(2), did knowingly possess in and affecting commerce a firearm, to wit: one Haskell model JS-45, .45 caliber pistol, serial number 034177, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1), and 924(a)(2).

NOTICE OF DRUG FORFEITURE

- 1. The allegations of Counts 1 and 2 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.
- 2. As a result of the offenses alleged in Counts 1 and 2, WILLIAM "BUDDY" RICHARDSON, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, any and all property constituting or derived from any proceeds the defendants

obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the said violations and any and all property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit and to facilitate the commission of the violations alleged in Counts 1 and 2 of this Indictment.

- 3. If any of the property subject to forfeiture pursuant to Paragraph 2 of this Notice of Forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:
 - a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
 - b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
 - c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
 - d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
 - e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendants up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

NOTICE OF GUN FORFEITURE

1. The allegations of Count 3 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924 (d)(1) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

- 2. As a result of the offense alleged in Count 3, defendant, WILLIAM "BUDDY" RICHARDSON, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1) and Title 28 United States Code, Section 2461, any firearm or ammunition, which was involved in or used in a knowing violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section(s)922 and/or 924(c)(1), as alleged in Count 3 of the Indictment.
- 3. If any of the property subject to forfeiture pursuant to Paragraph 2 of this Notice of Forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:
 - a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
 - b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
 - c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
 - d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
 - e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922 and/or 924(c)(1) and 924(d)(1).

A TRUE BILL:

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